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SUBJECT: US NAVAL VISITS

1. ALUSNA SHOULD NOTIFY ALL SHIPS CONTEMPLATING VISITS TO PALERMO THAT, OWING TO LAST OCTOBER'S STORMS, WRECKAGE STILL IN PORT AND DESTROYED PIER AREAS MAKE IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT ANY NAVAL VESSEL WILL BE BERTHED INSIDE THE BREAKWATER. AS HAS BEEN CASE WITH RECENT VISITS, SHIP WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE TO BE ANCHORED IN THE ROAD.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OPERATIONAL VISITS BY USN TO PALERMO WERE ABANDONED SOME YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF UNUSUAL HIGH APPROVED COSTS IN THIS PORT WHICH ARE ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE THE HIGHEST IN ITALY. AS CASE OF THE TRENTON ILLUSTRATES, THESE CONDITIONS STILL OBTAIN AND SHIPS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS ARMY, NAVY AND CARABINIERI, HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE IN EVERY RESPECT DURING RECENT VISITS. SERVICES PROVIDED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES ARE HOWEVER STILL OF POOR QUALITY AND UNCONSCIONABLY EXPENSIVE. CHIAVARINI

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